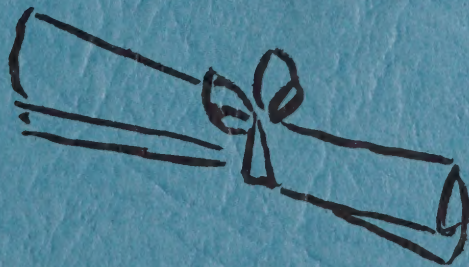


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Dedication



To Mr. H. Lea Mushroe — principal of Charlton High School for twenty-three years, an inspirational educator and a judicious administrator — we, the Seniors of 1954, do hereby respectfully dedicate our yearbook.

Alice St. George
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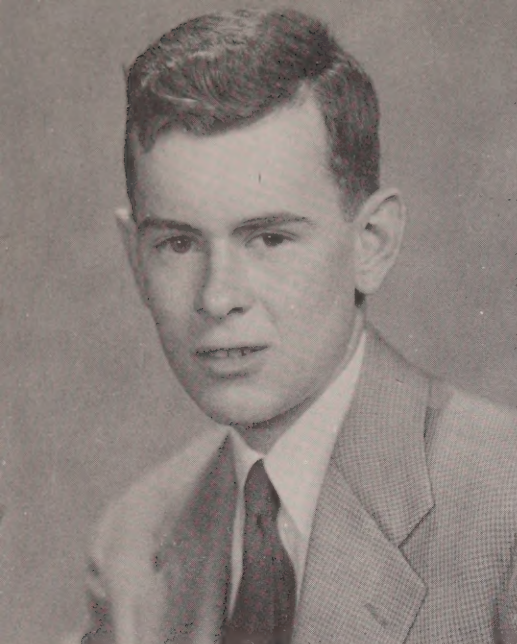
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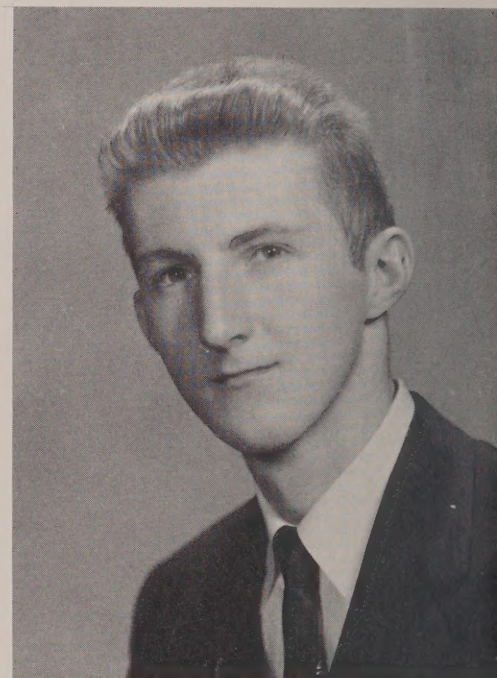
"Gidg"

"Gidg", one of the quiet members of our class, surely has a sense of humor as we know from the class trip. "Gidg" was an honor student (1); Treasurer of F. F. A. (2); Basketball and Baseball (2); Baseball Manager (1); Inter-class Track (1); State Treasurer of F. F. A. (1); member of Student Council (1); member of F. F. A. (4). He received the Bay State Farmer's Degree, winner of State Livestock Judging Contest. "Gidg" also helped in the senior play cast. Good luck, "Gidg".

RICHARD BARNES

"Fuzzy"

"Fuzzy" has belonged to F. F. A. for 4 years and is well-known for the money he has made raising chickens. "Fuzzy" was active in basketball and baseball (4); President of F. F. A. (1); and was Vice-President of F. F. A. (1). Good luck, "Fuzzy", in your chicken raising vocation.



M. LAURETTE BENOIT

Laurette

Laurette's perfect manners and her clever brain helped her to win many honors. She was a member of Glee Club (2); Voice Class (2); Good Writers' Club (2); Dramatic Club (1); Sewing Club (1). Laurette had highest honors for 3 years and regular honors (4). She took part in the Senior Play and was on the Paper Staff (3). Best of luck in whatever you choose, Laurette.

RICHARD BURLINGAME

"Rich"

One of the most reserved members of our class, "Rich", is friendly with everyone and is a very good sport. "Rich" was active in Athletic Club 4 years and took part in our Senior Play. He also did a good job helping with all the Senior activities. Good luck, "Rich".



CAROL BUTLER

Carol

Whenever you hear a crazy-mixed up laugh, you can make sure it's Carol, whose popularity has made her many lasting friends. She was active in softball and basketball (4); Secretary of Class (4); member of Dramatic Club (4); Secretary of Student Council (1); member of Student Council (3); Honor Roll (1); and Highest Honors (2). Carol's high scholastic rating and participation in all activities gave her honor of being Graduation Speaker. Carol was also the leading lady in our Senior Play. Best of luck, Carol.

ARNOLD CAPLETTE

"Cap"

With his good looks, silly laugh, and lovable personality "Cap" is very popular with everyone. He has many girl admirers, but he keeps everyone guessing who the lucky one will be. "Cap" was president of the Senior Class, and treasurer, (2) years; Glee Club (1); Voice Class (1); Basketball (1); Athletic Club (4); and vice-president of Student Council. "Cap" also had honor of being our representative to Boys' State his Junior year and Good Government Day representative his Senior year. "Cap" did a good job in the Senior play. Good Luck, "Cap".





GEORGE CAPRERA

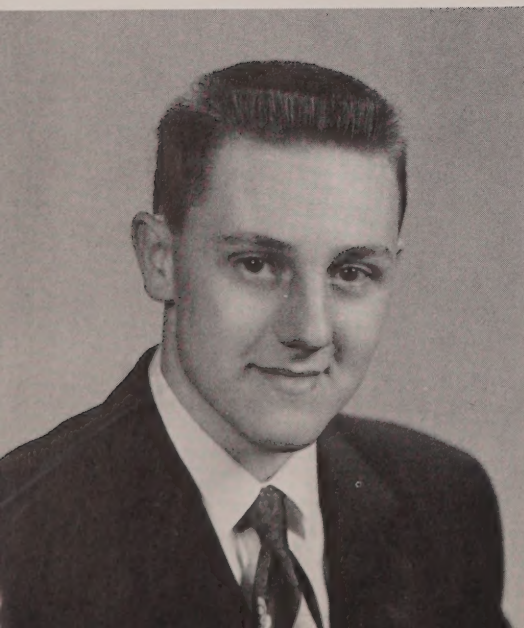
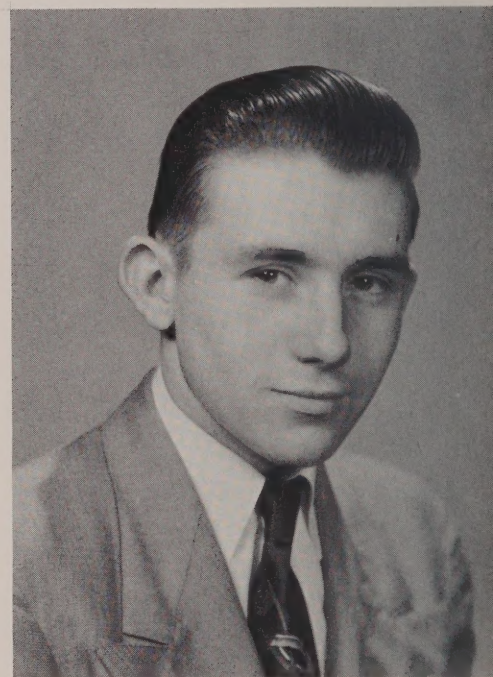
George

George, always agreeable and friendly, has been a good sport. He has been assistant basketball manager (1); baseball manager (2); Athletic Club (2); Pre-Drivers' (1); Photography Club (1); Orchestra (2); Glee Club (3); Voice Class (1). George also did a good job in the Senior Play. Best of luck to you, George.

FRANCIS CIERPICH

Turk

Always a good and reliable friend, Turk has been fun to have as a classmate. He participated in the following activities: Basketball Manager (2); F. F. A. (4); Student Council (2); Inter-class Track (1); President of F. F. A. (1); Baseball (1); Treasurer of F. F. A. (2). He was also a member of the Senior play cast. Best of luck in the future, Turk.



FRED CLEVELAND

"Pete"

"Pete" is the friendly type who is liked by all. He did a good job working on the Senior activities. "Pete" was active in basketball (2); and was a member of the Athletic Club (3). Good luck, "Pete".

PATRICIA COLBY

"Pat"

We know "Pat" will be a success in life because of her ability to shoulder responsibility. "Pat" was in Dramatic Club (4); Glee Club and Voice Class (4); Paper Staff (4); Cheerleader (1); Highest Honors (4); President of Dramatic Club (1); Secretary of Student Council (1); National Honor Society (2); Worcester Music Festival (1). She also played a leading role in the Senior play. "Pat" was honored by being chosen as Graduation Speaker. We hear "Pat" plans to be married in the very near future. Good luck, "Pat".



JUDITH CUMMINGS

"Judy"

"Judy" wants to be a secretary after she graduates, and with her business ability and pleasing personality, we know she will succeed. "Judy" has been exceptionally popular, active, and capable. She has participated in Dramatic Club (4); Treasurer of Student Council (1); member of Student Council (1); Paper Staff (3); Highest Honors (1); regular honors (2); Assistant Basketball manager (2). "Judy" also did a smooth job in the Senior play. Good luck, "Judy".

NANCY DAVIDSON

Nancy

Nancy, one of our quiet members, was always a very good sport. She was active in Sewing Club (2); Dramatic Club (1); Good Writers' (1); Orchestra (1); Voice Class and Glee Club (4); Music Festival in Worcester; Lunch Counter Manager (1); Paper Staff (2). Nancy's high average and popularity made her a class day speaker. Best of luck, Nancy, in whatever you choose to do.





LORETTA DUHAMEL

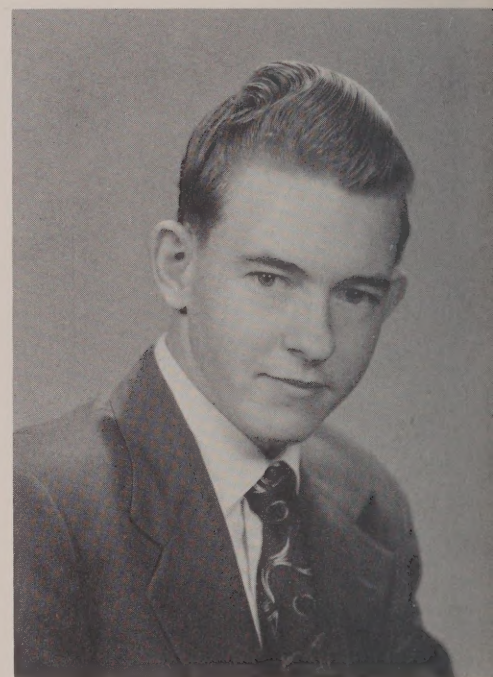
"Lotty"

"Lotty", with her pretty dark hair and dark brown eyes, has been an excellent worker. She was in Dramatic Club (3); Glass Club (4); Athletic Club (1), and participated in the Senior Play. "Lotty" is now wearing a ring on her left hand, so we know what she has planned for the future. Good luck, "Lotty", from all of us.

IRVING FITTS

"Irv"

"Irv", is, by far, one of the most bashful members of our class. He is also one of the best typists of the class. "Irv", has been interested in sports and was active in Baseball, (3) years and a member of the Athletic Club, (3) years. Good Luck in whatever you may choose to do, "Irv".



FRANCES FOSKETT

"Franny"

"Franny", is the domestic type of person who, with her four years of Home Economics' training, is sure to be a successful home maker. The ring on her left hand shows that the home is very near at hand. She has been active in basketball and softball (4); Glee Club (3); Voice Class (2); Dramatic Club (2); Athletic Club (2). She also took part in the Senior Play. Good luck, "Franny".

MARY ELLEN GILLESPIE

Mary Ellen

One of the wittiest and most congenial members of our class is Mary Ellen, who has been active in Athletic Club (3); and Dramatic Club (1); basketball and softball (4); and Girls' Voice Class (3). She was a cheerleader 1 year and also took part in the Senior play. Good luck, Mary Ellen.



THERESA HALL

"Terry"

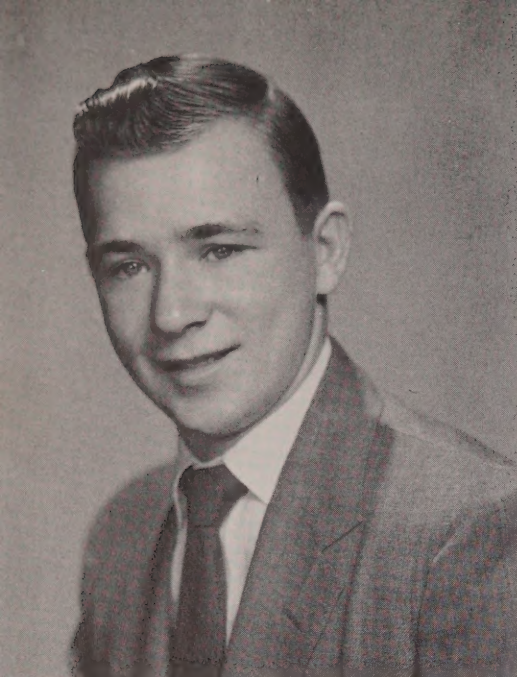
When you see a green Chevrolet Truck coming your way, get out of its way because Terry is sure to be behind the wheel. She has been in Dramatic Club (4); Glee Club (2); Voice Class (4); Paper Staff (3). Terry was also on the Honor Roll (3). We hear she is going to the altar as soon as someone returns from Germany. Good luck, Terry.

DOROTHY HAMMOND

"Dottie"

Flaming red hair and a hearty giggle best describe "Dottie". She was in Girls' Voice Class (4); Glee Club (1); Athletic (1); Good Writers' (1); Photography (1); Pre-Drivers' (1); Class Officer (3); Field Hockey (1); and Assistant Baseball Manager (1). Best of luck, "Dottie."





ALVA HUNT

Alva

The Senior Class boasts an ever cheerful member, a boy that is always ready to lend a helping hand, Alva Hunt. He has been active in baseball (2); basketball (2); Glee Club (4); and a member of Athletic Club (4); Alva was treasurer of the class (3). He did an excellent job in the Senior Play Cast. We wish you luck, Alva, in the future.

DOROTHY LANGWAY

"Dottie"

"Dottie", is well-liked among her classmates because of her sense of humor and her conversational ability. "Dottie" was in the Dramatic Club (4); Sewing Club (1); Girls' Voice Class (3); Honor Roll (1); Paper Staff (2). "Dottie" played an excellent part in the Senior Play. She is the proud owner of an engagement ring. Good luck to you, "Dottie".



MARION LOJKO

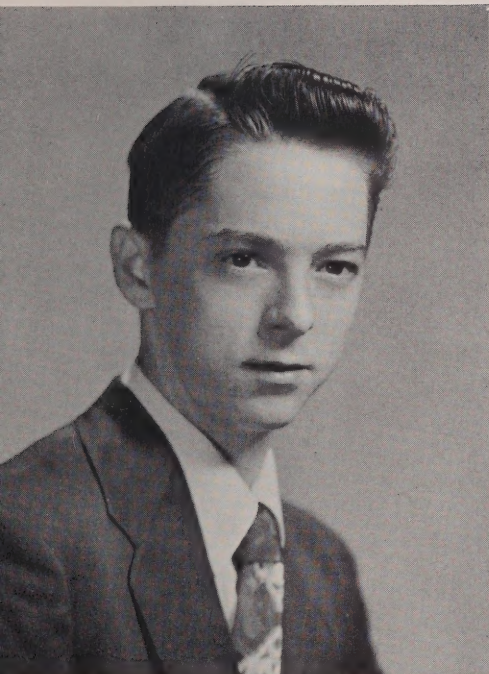
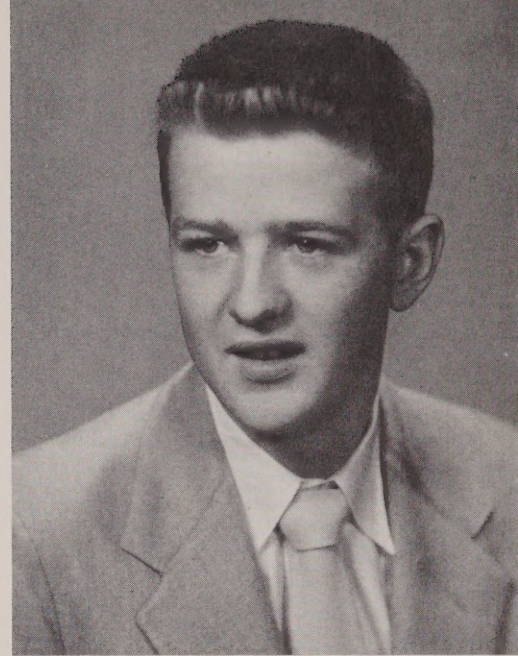
"Pee Wee"

One of the wittiest members of our class, "Pee Wee" has been well liked by all her classmates in high school. "Pee Wee" has been in Voice Class and Glee Club (4); Photography (1), Athletic (1), Sewing (1), and Pre-Drivers' Club (1); Field Hockey (2); Basketball and Softball (2). "Pee Wee" had charge of ticket sales for our Senior Play. Best of luck in the future.

RALPH MANN

Ralph

Ralph is a friendly, agreeable good sport. He has been very active in sports through his high school years. Ralph was in baseball (2); basketball (4); Athletic Club (3); Inter-class Track (1); Glee Club (3); President of Glee Club (1); and in Boys' Voice Class (2). He also did a remarkable job in the Senior play. Best of luck to you, Ralph.



FORREST McKINSTRY

"Woody"

If you hear a weird cat call, you can almost be sure it is none other than "Woody". Forrest has been a member of the F. F. A. for 4 years and has participated in baseball this year. Good luck in the future, "Woody".

BEVERLY MITCHELL

"Tubba"

With her pleasing disposition, "Tubba" is one of the most reliable members of the class. "Tubba's" many activities include Voice Class (3); Glee Club (2); Athletic Club (1); Pre-Drivers' Club (1); Photography (2); Student Council (1); class President (1); Secretary (1). "Tubba" also took part in the Senior Play. Good Luck, "Tubba".





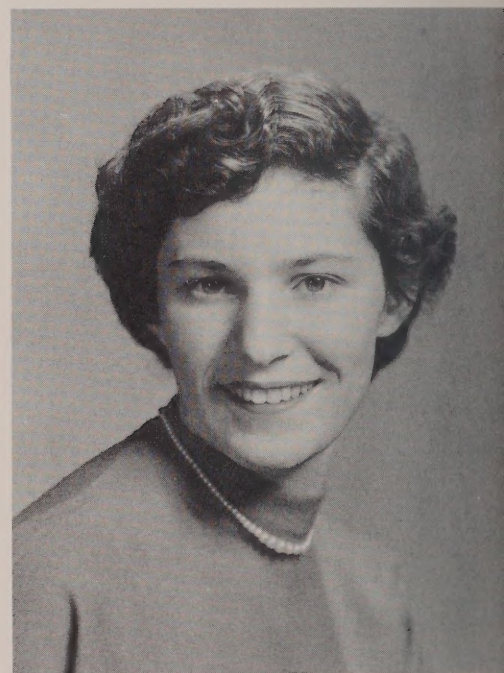
NANCY NORCROSS

Nancy has been accepted at Memorial Hospital Nurses' Training School, and we know she will succeed because of her scholastic ability and her pleasing personality. Nancy was very active in Basketball (4); Voice Class (4); Orchestra (3); Glee Club (3); Music Festival (1); Dramatic Club (2); Paper Staff (2); Honor Roll (3). She was also in the Senior Play. Good luck in your chosen career, Nancy.

CAROL PIKE

Carol

Carol, with her clever repartee, has brought us many laughs. She was a member of Sewing Club (3); Photography Club (1); Honor Roll (3); President of Sewing Club (1). Carol plans to do office work when she completes school. Best of luck, Carol.



WILLIAM PLANTE

"Bill"

Tall, dark and handsome are the adjectives that well describe our "Bill". He is always ready with a joke to keep the laughter going. "Bill" has been active in Basketball and Baseball (4); Inter-class Track (1); Boys' Voice Class (1); President of Athletic Club (2); President of Class (2); Student Council Member (3); Representative to Student Council meeting in Arlington (1). He was very good in the Senior play as "Tex", the girls' hero. Best of luck, "Bill", in whatever you may choose to do.

JANET ROBIDOUX

Janet

A good sport who is always ready with her kind understanding way is our Janet. She has been in Glee Club (4); and Girls' Voice Class (4); Sewing Club (1); Pre-Drivers' (1); Dramatic (1); Good Writers' Club (1); Paper Staff (1). Best of luck in the future, Janet.



RICHARD SHEA

Edgar

Edgar's ability to take a joke has helped him to be popular throughout his years in high school. He took part in our Senior Play. Edgar was in Basketball (1); Athletic Club (4); Student Council (2); class officer (1). He also was in Inter-class track one year. Edgar is undecided about the future. Best of luck in anything you decide, Edgar.

PRISCILLA STEVENS

"Cilla"

If you hear the crowd laughing at a good clean joke, you often find that "Cilla" is there. She was in Orchestra (4); Glee Club (4); Voice Class (3); Good Writers' Club (2); Photography (1); Athletic Club (1). "Cilla" also participated in the Senior Play. Priscilla plans to attend Worcester Junior College next Sept. Best of luck in the future, "Cilla".





RUTH STEVENS

"Ruthie"

"Ruthie", one of our quiet members, has a friendly smile and sweet personality. We know "Ruthie" will be successful. She has been in Voice Class (3); Pre-Drivers' Club (1); Photography Club (1); Sewing Club (1); and Athletic Club (1); regular honors (2). She also had a part in the Senior Play. Good luck, "Ruthie".

ALICE ST. GEORGE

Alice

Another one of our quieter members of the class, who is really full of fun is Alice. She has been active in Glee Club (1); Voice Class (3); Sewing Club (1); Photography Club (2); and Pre-Drivers' (1); Student Council (1). She also took part in the Senior Play. Good luck, Alice.



FRANCES STONE

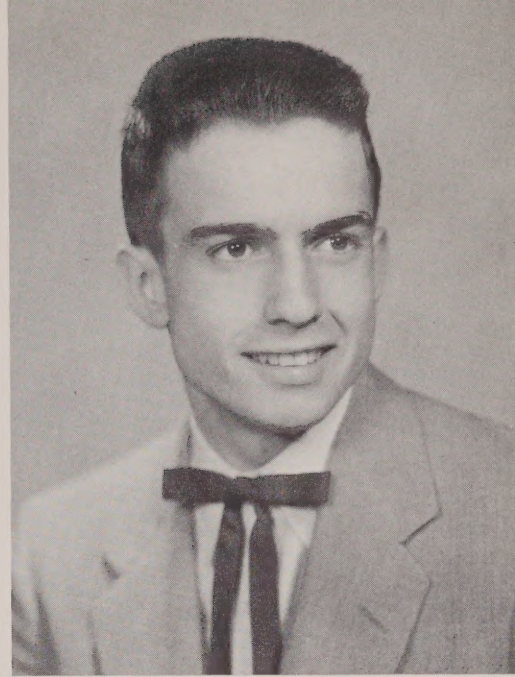
"Franny"

"Franny" is one of our most genial classmates, whose sense of humor has brought many good times to Sewing Club (2) years; Photography Club (1); Athletic Club (1); and the Senior play cast. We can tell by the ring on her left hand, that "Franny" is planning to get married. Best of Luck, "Franny", in the future.

FRANK TIBERII

"Scoot"

"Scoot", who is one of the best dressed boys in our class, has always been active in sports. "Scoot" was in Baseball (4); Basketball (4); Inter-class Track (1); and President of Athletic Club (1). He was Class President (1); Student Council President (1). He also played a leading role in the Senior Play. Frank has been accepted at Mass. University for next September. Good luck in college, "Scoot".



ELIZABETH TITE

Betty

Betty, one of our most conscientious students, also has high scholastic ability; therefore, we know she will succeed. She has participated in the following: Good Writers' Club (2); Dramatic Club (2); Paper Staff (4); Class President (2); Student Council (2). She has had Highest Honors (4). She was elected to Honor Society as a Junior and elected as D. A. R. Representative and graduation speaker as a Senior. She will attend College next Sept. Good Luck, Betty.

IRIS TOWER

Iris

Whenever you see a group of girls full of laughter, you can be assured that Iris is in the middle telling one of her silly jokes. There is never a dull moment with this girl around. Iris has been active in Voice Class (2); Athletic Club (2); Good Writers' Club (1); Pre-Drivers' Club (1); Paper Staff (2). She also took part in the Senior Play. We wish you all the luck in the world, Iris.





JOHN VESEY

John

The professor of our class, John is one of the best sports we have. We certainly had proof of it on our class trip. John has taken part in Dramatic Club (4) years; Orchestra (2); and Glee Club (1) year. He was chosen a graduation speaker, an honor which he richly deserves. John was truly a star in our Senior Play. John plans to enter Worcester Tech next Sept. Good luck in your scientific career, John.

NORMAN WILBUR

"Norm"

If you hear a truck drive up and see dust in the distance, you can be sure it is "Norm" with no other than his "Ozzie". "Norm" has been active in Baseball (3); Basketball (1); Secretary of F. F. A. (2); Basketball Manager (2); Inter-class Track (1); Athletic Club (1); F. F. A. (3); Student Council (1). "Norm" also received a Bay State Farmer's Degree. He was in the Senior play. Best of luck in the future, "Norm".



JOAN ZOLLO

"Ozzie"

"Ozzie", who combines talent in art with great ability in sports, is one of the most popular girls in our class because of her friendly, understanding ways and helpfulness. She was active in basketball and softball (4); Good Writers' Club (2); Photography and Athletic Club (1); Honor Roll (2); Girls' Voice Class (4); Glee Club (2); Paper Staff (3); Secretary of Class (1); President of Good Writers' Club (1); and member of Senior Play cast. Good luck, "Ozzie".

Class History

It was September, 1948, that the largest seventh grade in the history of Charlton High School began its classes under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Healy and Mrs. Estelle Ziemiński. Because our group was so large, it was divided, with 21 of us holding our classes in the lower part of the Town Hall, with Mrs. Healy as our supervisor. The remaining 50 of the class had Mrs. Ziemiński for their advisor.

As seventh graders, our first task was the election of class officers. Being a divided class we, of course, had two sets of class officers. 7A under the direction of Mrs. Ziemiński, chose their leaders as follows: president, George Hammond; vice-president, Betty Tite; secretary, Bernice Johnson; and treasurer, Kenneth Deveau. 7B elected as president, Clarence Butler; vice-president, Corrine Dubuque; secretary, Dorothy Hammond; and treasurer, Audrey Ayotte.

The members of our class in the Prize Speaking Contest were Carol Butler, Betty Tite, John Vesey, and Patricia Colby, who qualified but was ill and unable to participate.

In the annual Play Contest, Audrey Ayotte had the leading role in "The Kid Brother."

In September, 1949 we entered the eighth grade with 65 pupils and with Mrs. Sarah Madaus as the director of 8A and Mrs. Margaret Healy as the director of 8B. The officers chosen by 8A were president, Carol Butler; vice-president, Frank Tiberii; secretary, Dorothy Langway; and treasurer, Judy Cummings. 8B elected as their officers: president, William Plante; vice-president, Doris Anderson; secretary, Corrine Dubuque; and treasurer, Lowell Baylies.

In October the eighth grade in the Town Hall, under the direction of Mrs. Healy, was moved to the new wing of the high school.

In September of 1950 we started our Freshman year with 58 pupils and Miss Vera Themistocles and Mr. William Ball as our advisors. The class officers of 9A were president, Betty Tite; vice-president, Mary Bassett; secretary, Carol Butler; and treasurer, Alva Hunt. Chosen as the leaders of 9B were president, Beverly Mitchell; vice-president, Ruth Fitts; secretary, Dorothy Hammond; and treasurer, Iris Tower.

Students on the Honor Roll were Laurette Benoit, Patricia Colby, Nancy Davidson, Ralph Mann, Priscilla Stevens, Betty Tite, and Edward Wozniak.

This year we were very proud of Carol Butler and John Vesey, who were in the annual Dramatic Club play, *The Little Shepherd From Kingdom Come*.

We started our Sophomore year with 51 students and still a divided class. Under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Fiske 10A elected class officers as follows: president, Betty Tite; vice-president, Richard Shea; secretary, Carol Butler; and treasurer, Alva Hunt. With Mr. William Ball as their supervisor, 10B elected: president, Dorothy Hammond; vice-president, William Plante; secretary, Joan Zollo; and treasurer, Arnold Caplette.

The Honor Roll students were Laurette Benoit, Carol Butler, Patricia Colby, Judy Cummings, Nancy Davidson, Theresa Hall, Nancy Norcross, Carol Pike, Priscilla Stevens, Ruth Stevens, and Betty Tite.

This year we made a very good profit on our Sophomore Hop and also won the Magazine Contest, two sources of revenue which helped our treasury.

In September, 1952, when we entered our Junior year, with only 42 members we were still divided. Under Mrs. Hammond's supervision, 11A elected Frank Tiberii as president, Frances Foksett as vice-president, Carol Butler as secretary, and Alva Hunt as treasurer; while under Mr. Ball's supervision, 11B elected William Plante as president, Dorothy Hammond as vice-president, Beverly Mitchell as secretary, and Arnold Caplette as treasurer.

We sold candy in order to establish a fund for the Junior Prom, which was, of course, the most important event of the year. The hall was decorated in an aqua and brown Hawaiian design, and we danced to the music of Russ Cole's orchestra.

When our class rings arrived, we truly realized that we had only one more year at Charlton High.

Students on the Honor Roll were Laurette Benoit, Carol Butler, Judy Cummings, Carol Pike, Betty Tite, Gordon Baker, Richard Barnes, Arnold Caplette, Patricia Colby, Nancy Davidson, Theresa Hall, Dorothy Langway, Ralph Mann, Nancy Norcross, Priscilla Stevens, Ruth Stevens, and Joan Zollo.

When we began our last year at Charlton High, we were no longer a divided class. We had 41 pupils, the largest Senior class in the history of the town, but later we lost Bernice Johnson and Lawrence McLoud. Our class supervisor was Mr. Clayton Barton and our class officers were president, Arnold Caplette; vice-president, Frances Foksett; secretary, Carol Butler; and treasurer, Ralph Mann.

We began our many activities with our Senior Play, "The Divine Flora" in which the entire class participated. We also sold Christmas Cards and had two very successful paper drives, with Ralph Mann as chairman of one and Frank Tiberii, as chairman of the other.

Still having a great deal of money to raise, if we were to go to Washington, we had an auction and a supper, each of which added \$500 to our treasury.

During the April vacation we reached our destination—Washington—with Mrs. Mabel Fiske, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewing, Mrs. Sarah Madaus, Mrs. Vera Bancroft, and Mr. William Ball as our chaperones. Everyone enjoyed this trip tremendously. We surely owe our principal—Mr. Ewing—a vote of thanks for all his unselfish efforts in helping us raise our Washington fund.

Our D. A. R. representative for this year was Betty Tite, and our graduation speakers were Laurette Benoit, Carol Butler, Patricia Colby, Betty Tite, and John Vesey.

The Honor Roll students were as follows: Laurette Benoit, Carol Butler, Patricia Colby, Judy Cummings, Nancy Davidson, Dorothy Langway, Nancy Norcross, Carol Pike, Priscilla Stevens, Betty Tite, and John Vesey.

We, the class of '54, sincerely appreciate the help and inspiration given to us during our six years at Charlton High School.

NANCY DAVIDSON



CLASS OF '54 ONCE UPON A TIME



T'was the year 1985, and I, the honorable Frank Tiberii, Jr.; now the President of the United States, decided to take a trip across our country. I called for a limousine to take me to the airport. The owner of this car service was none other than Irving Fitts. As we roared along the streets, we were almost sideswiped by two oncoming "souped up hotrods." As "Irv" was about to give them "heck", whom should we recognize driving one but Betty Tite, who was just warming up her car before the big race. She had been giving Pete Cleveland a little dig down the main street. They were both big-time race drivers by now. We talked for a while, but I had to leave so we said goodbye, and Betty and Pete roared off. A little farther on, whom should I see walking along the street but Marion Lojko with—you guessed it—four sailors, two on each arm. As I talked to the girls, they said they were headed for a new restaurant, owned by none other than Frances Foscett. I saw that it was a beautiful place with everything running smoothly. The charming hostesses greeting me at the door were our old pals, Ruth Stevens and Beverly Mitchell. I learned later that Beverly still had her tame monkey with which she made extra money as an organ grinder. When I was seated, I saw the band leader that, much to my surprise, was Alice St. George, who with her husband, Forrest McKinstry, had started this band. Forrest was now playing second fiddle in the band, but just then I heard Alice announce a world famous singer, a name which just sent thrills through all the girls, the one and only "Cappy" Caplette. He came out and gave a beautiful rendition of the old Charlton High School Fight Song. After "Cap" came an impersonator of Salome, and who should this be but our own Iris Tower. The waitresses dressed in bathing suits were Nancy Norcross and Nancy Davidson. We exchanged hearty greetings, and I gave my order, which, of course, received special attention. The chef, our own classmate, Alva Hunt came to see me personally. We chatted for a while; but then I had to leave, so I called my bodyguard, the strong man, George Caprera, now an F. B. I. agent.

George Caprera and Theresa Hall were now happily married, and Theresa was proud owner of Clover Leaf Dairy. As I stepped out the door, I bumped into Loretta Duhamel and Mary Ellen Gillespie, who were now employed as models at Barnes and Baker, Inc., the now famous New York Art studio. They invited me to the studio where I met—as you guessed—Richard Barnes and Gordon Baker, both famous photographers and artists. "Barney" told me he just got through painting the million dollar portrait of the wife of the Prime Minister of France. When he showed it to me, who should it be but our own "Dottie" Langway. As I left the studio, I met Carol Pike, who was now a famous singer in the Metropolitan Opera. She took me to a large office building where there was a picture of my old buddy Richard Burlingame, the new Liberace at the piano, and near him was the eminent female impersonator, Richard Shea, doing a new dance number. These two pals had teamed up and made a big hit. I went inside and talked over old times for a while. Because they were busy, I left early. I went back on the street and saw a large bus pull to the curb; and who should be driving but Norman Wilbur. As he pulled to a stop, his wife, the former Joan Zollo, stepped down with a little black book in her hand. As soon as the fifteenth child had jumped from the bus, Joan gave a sigh of relief. Norman came up then and said he owned all the buses in the Northeastern section of the country, but he had more trouble with his children than with his buses. I then headed for the airport. As I was about to get into a taxi, a big police cruiser came roaring up; and as the chief got out, I saw that it was none other than Francis Cierpich, who was having a tough time with the recent crime wave that had struck the city. While talking to him, a big Cadillac pulled to the curb. On the door was written Charlton High School—Principal. I thought this was Mr. Robert Ewing, but as I neared the car, whom should I see getting out but Frances Stone, the new principal of the high school. She was also having her troubles as the boys of 1985 were going on strike for all women teachers, none over 18 years of age. After saying goodbye, I finally reached the airport, where I saw getting out of the plane from Texas two familiar figures, who turned out to be Ralph Mann and Bill Plante, two of the biggest ranchers in the U. S. They had formed a partnership and had a 100,000 acre Hereford ranch in Texas. On the same plane with them was Priscilla Stevens and Janet Robidoux both of whom owned most of the oil wells in the Southwestern U. S. We talked for a while, but then my plane was ready to leave, so I said farewell. Just outside the administration building, I met Laurette Benoit and Judy Cummings, who were the U. S. good-will ambassadors, just returning from a tour of Russia. I asked them if they had met any of our old classmates, and they said Pat Colby was in the administration building. When I went inside, I saw Pat, now Mrs. Joseph Zinkowsky, sitting at a big desk marked manager, for she had become the manager of this huge airport. We talked and I asked her if I were going to have a good pilot on this trip, and she said I was going to have as my pilot John Vesey, who was working toward his S. P. C. meaning Space Patrol Cadet. When I met John, he told me he would be extra cautious on this flight because he was taking his wife, who was our old classmate Carol Butler. After we had taken off, I settled back in my seat and thought of all my former classmates and how much they had contributed to making our world go round in 1985.



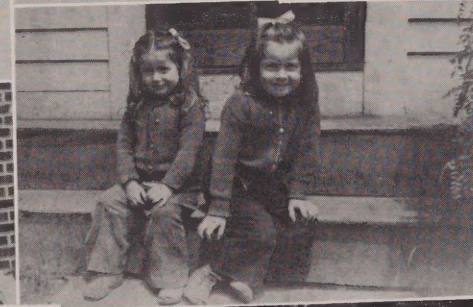


I, Gordon Baker, leave my quietness to Joe Plante.
 I, Richard Barnes, leave my height to Ronald McCarthy.
 I, Laurette Benoit, leave my sewing and designing ability to Janice Carpenter.
 I, Richard Burlingame, leave my ability to start a conversation to Billy Benoit.
 I, Carol Butler, leave my acting ability to Judy Tucker.
 I, Arnold Caplette, leave my ideas of being a bachelor to Norman Dugas.
 I, George Caprera, leave my school skipping tendencies to Judy Baylies.
 I, Francis Cierpich, leave my love for chemistry to Constance Lavigne.
 I, Fred Cleveland, leave my cadillac to Mr. Ball.
 I, Pat Colby, leave my ability to get "A" in problems to Gail Hammond.
 I, Judy Cummings, leave my figure to Janice Bartley.
 I, Nancy Davidson, leave my driving ability to Meredith West.
 I, Loretta DuHamel, leave my love for shorthand to Lillian Carrington.
 I, Irving Fitts, leave my ability to blush to Roland Fawthrop.
 I, Frances Foskett, leave my mad method of doing math to Allen Reid.
 I, Mary Ellen Gillespie, leave my love for basketball to Nancy Reiser.
 I, Theresa Hall, leave my height to Ruthie DuHamel.
 I, Dorothy Hammond, leave my red hair to Fay Carleton.
 I, Alva Hunt, leave my ability to be late to Wilbur Johnson.
 I, Dorothy Langway, leave my argumentative ability to Nancy Shea.
 I, Marion Lojko, leave my cheating heart to Doris Boulanger.

I, Ralph Mann, leave my curly hair to Robert Sleeper.
 I, Forrest McKinstry, leave my shyness to Joe Caprera.
 I, Beverley Mitchell, leave my giggle to Eleanor Casey.
 I, Nancy Norcross, leave my ability to do chemistry experiments to Charlie Thompson.
 I, Carol Pike, leave my natural curly hair to Virginia Beckworth.
 I, Billy Plante, leave my ability to flirt to Larry Sleeper.
 I, Janet Robidoux, leave my ability to sell lunch tickets to Sylvia Ianniccheri.
 I, Richard Shea, leave my ability to do the Hula to David Dam.
 I, Ruth Stevens, leave my reserved ways to Arlene Brown.
 I, Priscilla Stevens, leave my photogenic characteristic to Maryln Monroe.
 I, Alice St. George, leave my photography ability to Jean Cooper.
 I, Frances Stone, leave my ability to pass science to David Schiller.
 I, Frank Tiberii, leave my romantic tendencies to Harvey Ide.
 I, Betty Tite, leave my "A" in citizenship to Tony Gillespie.
 I, Iris Tower, leave my ability to tell stories to Barbara Cierpich.
 I, John Vesey, leave my physique to Ronald Fournier.
 I, Norman Wilbur, leave my ability to play baseball to Donald Norcross.
 I, Joan Zollo, leave my athletic ability to Gloria Blauvelt.

We, the Seniors of 1954, leave to the Juniors our money making powers; and to the Sophomores, our ability to win future class Basketball titles; and to the Freshman our ability to win Magazine Contests.

MARY ELLEN GILLESPIE



Superlatives

	Girl	Boy
Best Financier	Theresa Hall	Richard Barnes
Most Likely To Succeed	Betty Tite	John Vesey
Most Ambitious	Betty Tite	John Vesey
Most Athletic	Joan Zollo	Frank Tiberii
Most Argumentative	Dorothy Langway	Frank Tiberii
Nicest Smile	Marion Lojko	William Plante
Most Cheerful	Dorothy Hammond	Arnold Caplette
Best Disposition	Janet Robidoux	Richard Shea
Friendliest	Nancy Davidson	Arnold Caplette
Most Mischievous	Marion Lojko	William Plante
Best Looking	Carol Butler	William Plante
Neatest	Judy Cummings	Frank Tiberii
Best Personality	Joan Zollo	Arnold Caplette
Most Popular	Carol Butler	Arnold Caplette
Quietest	Laurette Benoit	Irving Fitts
Most Romantic	Joan Zollo	Norman Wilbur
Most Studious	Betty Tite	John Vesey
Most Talkative	Iris Tower	William Plante
Best Dressed	Judy Cummings	Frank Tiberii
Wittiest	Iris Tower	Arnold Caplette
Most Bashful	Laurette Benoit	Irving Fitts
Biggest Flirt	Marion Lojko	Forrest McKinstry
Nicest Complexion	Alice St. George	Fred Cleveland
Noisiest	Iris Tower	William Plante
Nicest Hair	Loretta DuHamel	Arnold Caplette
Nicest Eyes	Judy Cummings	Ralph Mann
Most Reserved	Ruth Stevens	Richard Burlingame
Most Agreeable	Beverly Mitchell	Francis Cierpich
Most Representative of Blue and White	Patricia Colby	Arnold Caplette
Best Actor		John Vesey
Best Actress	Carol Butler	
Best Musician	Priscilla Stevens	John Vesey
Most Reliable	Carol Pike	Gordon Baker
Most Likely To Marry	Dorothy Langway	Norman Wilbur
Best Bluffer	Frances Foscett	Alva Hunt
Best Dancer	Iris Tower	George Caprera
Talks Most and Says the Least	Mary Ellen Gillespie	William Plante
Talks Least and Says the Most	Betty Tite	John Vesey
Best Blushers	Frances Stone Nancy Norcross	Irving Fitts
Best Student	Betty Tite	John Vesey
Best Sport	Theresa Hall	Richard Shea



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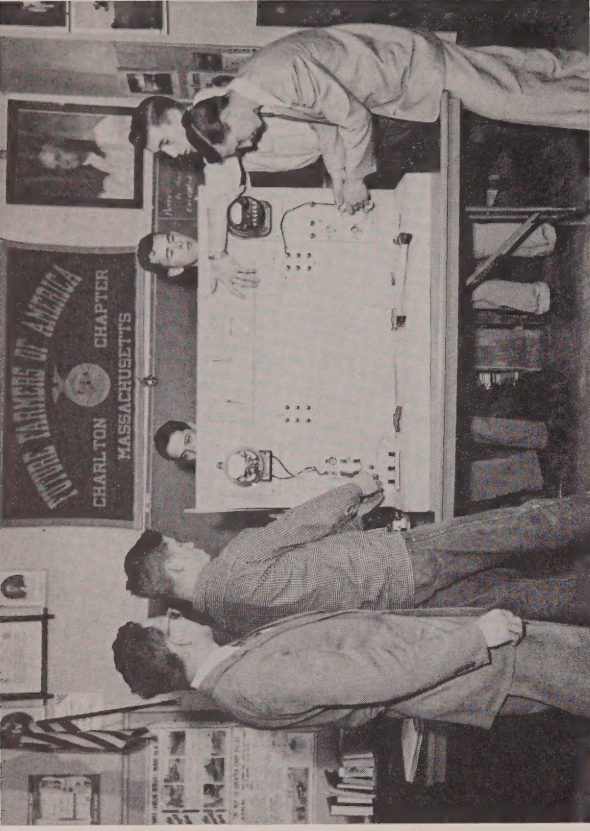
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Student Council

The Student Council of Charlton High School, under the guidance of our principal, Mr. Robert Ewing, and assistant principal, Mr. William Ball, is happy to report a successful season.

The council is a group composed of all the home room presidents and the managers of other school activities. The officers for this year were as follows: Frank Tiberii, president; Arnold Caplette, vice-president; Patricia Colby, secretary; and Judy Cummings, treasurer.

Our first major project for 1953-54 was the annual magazine contest. Our goal was \$2,250, but we topped this by bringing in \$2,500.

Some assemblies that we were fortunate enough to enjoy were Naeline B. Chute, a dramatist; Salom Riske,

a lecturer; William Stockdale, a lecturer; Mal Robbins, a magician; Munstedt, a comedian; and Pruth Mc Farlin, a concert tenor.

This year the Student Council bought the cheerleaders' uniforms and also purchased new uniforms for the boys' basketball team.

Student Council tickets, available to all pupils, admitted them to every school function, a fact which saved each student \$3.25, on his regular admission prices.

We are proud to report that one of our biggest projects this year was our sponsoring of a Korean child by raising \$126.00. For this purpose the classes voted to cancel their regular exchange of Christmas gifts and seemed very happy about their sacrifice.

PATRICIA COLBY



Paper Staff



Orchestra



Music

The musical groups of Charlton High School, under the direction of Miss Florence Putnam, are the Glee Club, Girls' Voice Classes and the Orchestra.

The Glee Club has forty-five members. Most of the year was spent in rehearsal for the Annual Music Night Program, which was held May 14. We were very proud to be represented by Nancy Norcross, Nancy Davidson, Patricia Colby, and Frank Tiberii at the All-State Music Festival. The Glee Club will sing at graduation.

The Voice Classes consist of forty-seven members who have made many of our special assemblies more enjoyable with their selections. They also took part in the Music Night Program.

The Orchestra has played for assemblies, plays, Music Night, and graduation. We were honored to have Constance Lavigne and Joseph Caprera represent us at the Central Music Festival in Webster.

NANCY NORCROSS



SCENES FROM SENIOR PLAY '54
"The Divine Flora"

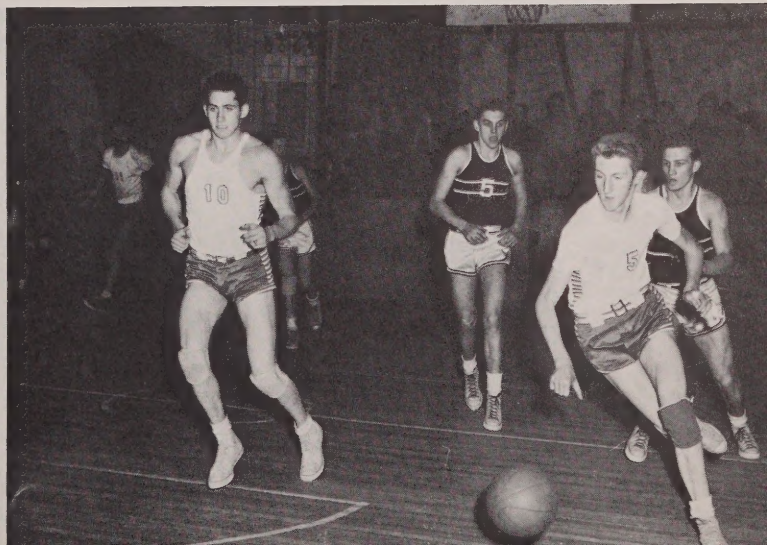
Dramatics

Thirty-one high school students, including seven seniors, eleven juniors, six sophomores, and seven freshmen joined the Dramatic Club last fall. Our first task was the election of officers, who were as follows: Patricia Colby, president; Bradford Sargent, vice-president; and Constance Lavigne, secretary.

During the year, the Charlton High School Dramatic Club presented the following one-act plays for different associations and assemblies: "The Christmas That Bounced", "Christmas In Coventry", and "Elmer and the Love Bug."

We all looked forward to our three act play which was a mystery-comedy, "The Scarlet Shadow." The cast was outstanding, and the play was a wonderful success. This year, the profit from our annual production went to benefit the senior class graduation fund, and the seniors express their appreciation to Mrs. Fiske and to the members of the Dramatic Club for their generosity.

BETTY TITE





During 1953-4 Charlton High Basketball team completed a fairly successful season, winning 5 out of 13 games.

Led by our hard-working and popular coach, Mr. William Ball, we opened our season by playing Cole Trade. Despite the fact that we had four letter men returning to the squad—Plante, Tiberii, Barnes, and Mann—we lost the game (53-39). However, Big “Bill” Plante hooped in 19 points for the high scorer.

Reports on two of the other games are as follows: Charlton 50—Notre Dame 47; Cole Trade 50—Charlton 45. Charlton played Oxford in the first league game and lost a heart-breaker, as the score was 55-54. We won the next game by dumping West Boylston (46-39). Then, Brookfield beat Charlton (59-40); while in a

thriller against Sutton, Charlton tilted them (67-64). We lost a very close game to Leicester (43-40); then we beat Rutland (61-54). Charlton really whipped West Boylston and piled up its biggest score of the season (65-42). Our three highest scorers for this year were “Bill” Plante with 226 points; “Scoot” Tiberii and “Dick” Barnes each with 209 points.

This year in baseball Charlton High opened its season against Cole Trade by losing in a slug-fest in which all players saw action, resulting in a score of 15-12. With our five letter men, namely; W. Plante, F. Tiberii, N. Wilbur, R. Fawthrop, and C. Thompson, returning to the line-up Charlton is anticipating a very good baseball season.

ARNOLD CHAPLETTE
AND RALPH MANN





MC
'55'



Girls' Sports

Basketball, coached by Mrs. Diem, assisted by Judy Cummings, was the highlight of Girls' Sports this year.

Games were scheduled with Oxford, North Brookfield, Leicester, Webster and Southbridge. We won two games, one with Oxford, at Oxford; and the other with Leicester, at Charlton. We were defeated by the other teams but usually by a close score, a fact which made the season very exciting.

The Senior Class should be especially congratulated on their work in Girls' Basketball, for they have been active in this sport all through high school and have been on the Varsity Team since they were sophomores. We are especially proud of Nancy Norcross and Joan Zollo, who have done a great job in assisting the team. Joan also served as our captain.

Although we haven't started our Softball as yet, we are hoping for a very successful season with Mrs. Diem as our coach.

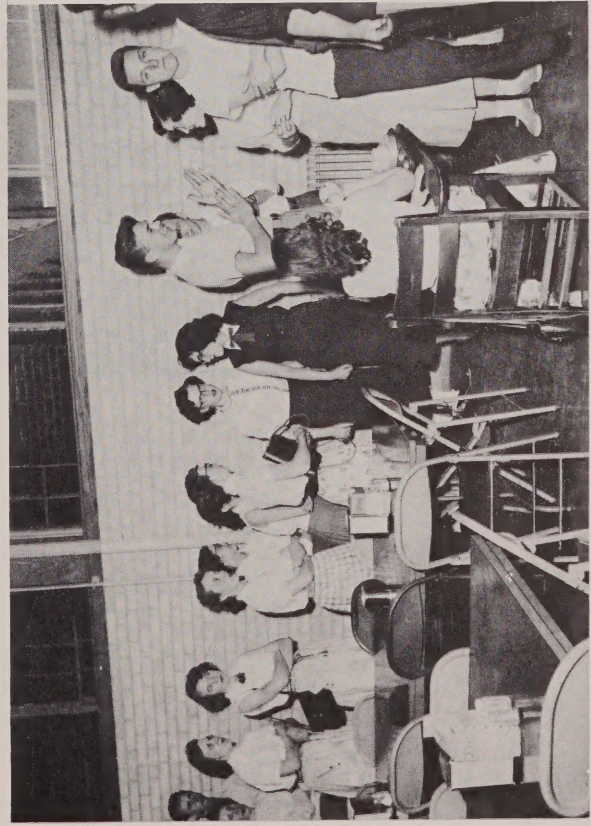
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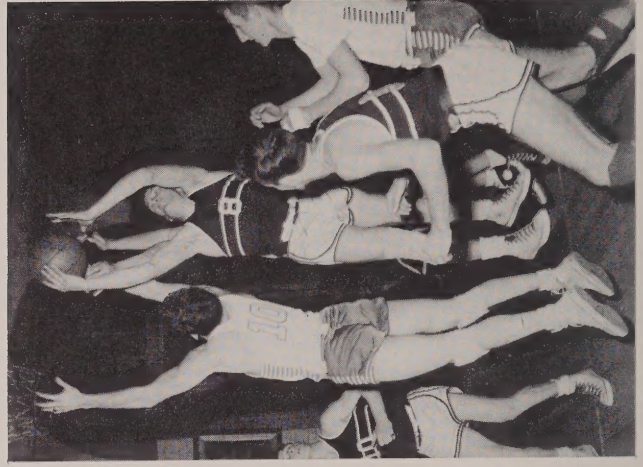
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Class of '53

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Barnes, Eleanor—Mrs. W. Lachapelle—Southbridge
Burns, Elaine—M.K.M. Hosiery Mills—Rochdale
Cook, Walter—U. S. Air Force
Dugas, Rhea—University of Massachusetts
Duggan, Joseph—1 child—Married—Cornell Dubiliers
—Worcester
Ferguson, Roy—Morgan Construction Co.—Worcester
Fitzgerald, James—Worcester Junior College
Gard, Carol—A.O.—Southbridge
Garrepy, Gladys—A.O.—Southbridge
Gillespie, William—U. S. Army
Hammond, Ira—Allen G. Construction Co.
Jones, Cynthia—State Mutual Life Insurance Co.—
Worcester
Knowlton, Patricia—Rhode Island School of Design
Lackstrom, Sylvia—(Mrs. Moyen)—Hartford, Conn.
Langlois, Robert—Worcester County Trust Co.—Wor-
cester
Mann, Stanley—U. S. Air Force
Menard, Victor—U. S. Air Force
Nedweckas, Anna—A.O.—Southbridge
Phillips, Grace—At home—Charlton
Plante, Lorraine—Becker Junior College
Robbins, Marjorie—A.O. Southbridge
Russell, Robert—Wee Laddie Farm—Charlton
Shedd, Clifford—U. S. Army
Stone, Jeanette—(Mrs. H. Fondleheit)—Charlton
Thibaudeau, Maurice—U. S. Air Force
Thompson, Olive—At home—Charlton
Zinkowsky, Joseph—Worcester Finishing Co.

Class of 1952

Caplette, Elaine—A. O., Southbridge
 Casey, Shirley—(Mrs. Donald Robbins)—Charlton
 Davis, Muriel—(Mrs. W. Farr)—1 child
 Duggan, John—A. O., Southbridge
 Duquette, Gloria—(Mrs. J. Burke)—Shrewsbury
 Gale, Robert—U. S. Coast Guard
 Gion, Richard—Webster Shoe Co.
 Hilton, Barbara—(Mrs. J. Butler)—1 child
 Hiscox, Josephine—Becker Junior College
 Lucas, Richard—Don Waites' Jenny Service Station,
 Worcester
 McCarthy, Joseph—Harrington Richardson Co., Wor-
 cester
 McKissick, Jean—(Mrs. G. Mann)—1 child—Charlton
 Morang, Madeline—State Mutual Life Ins. Co.
 Mushroe, Joan—Bates College, Maine
 Packard, Dorothy—Training at Memorial Hospital
 Poulin, Lorraine—Woolworth's, Southbridge
 Reynolds, Warren—working at home—Charlton
 Sullivan, Joan—(Mrs. David Norcross)—Southbridge
 Warren, Carol—Coben's Insurance Co., Worcester
 White, Franklin—U. S. Army
 Wright, Eleanor—Union College—Louisville, Kentucky
 Mitchell, Marlene—(Mrs. R. Butler)—1 child—Web-
 ster
 Mitchell, Virginia—(Mrs. V. Meinsma)—2 children—
 Charlton

Class of 1951

Bassett, Joan—(Mrs. Adam Placzek)—Boston
 Brackett, Thelma—(Mrs. Richard Lenz)—Germany
 Farr, Wayne—U. S. Army, Korea—1 child—married
 Foscett, Daniel—U. S. Army
 Granger, Paul—Holy Cross College, Worcester
 Keenan, Owen—At home—Charlton
 Lojko, Walter—U. S. Navy
 Mann, Beatrice—(Mrs. Stuart Tully)—1 child—Charl-
 ton
 McCloud, Ellsworth—U. S. Marines
 McIntire, Herbert—U. S. Army
 Morang, Joyce—Melville Shoe Co.
 Mortell, William—Married—1 child—Heald Co., Wor-
 cester
 Peterson, Martin—Married—1 child—Heald Co., Wor-
 cester
 Poulin, Vivian—(Mrs. Paul Lacerte)—1 child—South-
 bridge
 Rice, Robert—U. S. Air Force
 Rosbury, Helen—A. O., Southbridge
 Sahlin, Elizabeth—State Mutual Life Ins., Worcester
 Stevens, Eleanor—(Mrs. Leo White)—Charlton
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